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MULTIMEDIA SYSTEM

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ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

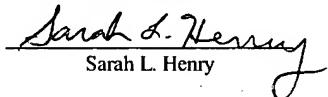
This document is responsive to the Official Action dated September 22, 2005.

The applicant hereby elects the claims drawn to the embodiment of FIG. 1, with traverse.

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent 6,647,327 (hereinafter "the '327 Patent"), which contains claims 1-20. A copy of the '327 Patent is attached herewith as Exhibit A.

The '327 Patent contains claims that read on FIGs. 1 and 2. Significantly, there was no restriction requirement entered during the prosecution of the '327 Patent. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that now entering a restriction in the present application is contradictory and wholly inconsistent to the actions taken by the USPTO during the prosecution of the '327 Patent, and thus barred under the well known doctrine of "*Law of the Case*". Since claims drawn to FIGs. 1 and 2 were presented during the prosecution of the '327 Patent and not restricted, it is submitted that to

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allow a restriction to stand now would be blatantly inconsistent with the USPTO's previous actions in the prosecution of the parent application, and thus in violation of the doctrine of "*Law of the Case.*"

Withdrawal of this improper restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

For all the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-23 is respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview could assist in the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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